

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2003

BOARD: Board of Licensure of Foresters

DATE: November 5, 2003

ROOM: Androscoggin Room

LOCATION: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation

TIME		TIME CALLED	
SCHEDULED:	8:30 A.M.	TO ORDER:	8:47 A.M.
			ADJOURN: 2:00 P.M.

CHAIR: William Ostrofsky

VICE-CHAIR: Stephen Holt

BOARD CLERK: Susan Greenlaw

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Ostrofsky, Stephen Holt, Hon. Sumner A. Jones Jr., Carol Redelsheimer, Rene Noel, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah Fales, Board Clerk; Carol Leighton, Administrator; Robert Perkins, Assistant Attorney General

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:47 a.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Members agreed to add the following to the agenda:

- Election of Complaint Officer
- Maine Forest Service Legislation
- October 27, 2003 exam results

OLD BUSINESS

Action on minutes of August 20, 2003 meeting

A motion was made by Carol Redelsheimer and seconded by Sumner Jones to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2003 meeting as written. Unanimous.

Exam Database/Software Update

No update on the current software, however, Carol Redelsheimer presented information regarding examinations provided by SAF.

NEW BUSINESS

Exam Results – October 27, 2003

Ten individuals sat for the exam. Eight individuals received a passing score and two individuals received a failing score. A motion was made by Stephen Holt and seconded by Sumner Jones to accept the exam scores as presented. Unanimous.

Administrator's Report

Legislation: Three individuals have renewed their licenses under the new language allowing renewal within a two year period after license expiration.

Rule Making: Amendment to Chapter 80 Section 5 (non-practicing foresters) – public hearing date tentatively scheduled for August 25, 2004.

Financial: The Board's cash balance is slowly increasing.

Rene Noel arrived at 9:30.

Interview with Christopher Martin – Applicant by Reciprocity with Connecticut

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According to the reciprocity agreement between Maine and Connecticut, Mr. Martin appeared personally before the Board to receive information concerning Maine laws affecting forest practice in

Maine. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Stephen Holt and seconded by Rene Noel to approve Mr. Martin for licensure by reciprocity pending receipt of the appropriate application and fee. Unanimous.

Legislation

Dept. of Conservation Liquidation Harvesting – L.D. 1616: Stephen Holt attended one of the committee meetings and discussed information presented. Two more meetings are scheduled before rules are proposed. Mr. Holt indicated that he plans to attend those meetings.

Complaint Officer's Report

Rene Noel reported that he has one complaint pending.

#FO-037: Due to a conflict with Complaint Officer Rene Noel, a motion was made by Stephen Holt and seconded by Sumner Jones to elect Carol Redelsheimer as complaint officer for this case.

Review and Action on Applications

APPLICANT	TYPE	HOW QUALIFYING	OTHER INFO.	ACTION
Jeremy L. Boron	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – U-Maine	Application received 09/22/03	Approved for 24 month internship effective 09/22/03. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Noel Unanimous. Sponsor – Bret Vicary
Donald G. McKay	Intern Forester – 24 months	Degree from non approved education program: William & Mary – BA Economics; Duke Univ – MBA; Univ of Minnesota – Ph.D. Forestry	Application received 08/27/03 10 years out of state experience.	Approved for exam. Motion: Noel Second: Redelsheimer Unanimous.
Bryan J. Savoy	Intern Forester – 24 months	BS Forestry – U-Maine	Application received 09/02/03	Approved for 24 month internship effective 09/02/03. Motion: Redelsheimer Second: Noel Unanimous. Sponsor – Kenneth Lamond
Rusty L. Brann	Forester	BS Forestry – U-Maine Forester in NH since 03/19/02	Letter of Good Standing received 10/22/03	Deny application – has not met the 24 month internship requirement. Board has not evaluated the acceptability of the 22 months of experience. Needs to provide references documenting the 22 months of out of state experience as well as documentation of an additional two months of

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				experience. Motion: Holt Second: Redelsheimer Unanimous.
Jonathan Burt	Forester	Board approved 12 month internship effective 04/02/01 to 04/02/02. Received e-mail on 04/26/02 noting completion of internship. Received last reference on 09/29/03.	Because of change in law, needed Forester application which was received on 09/30/03.	Approved for exam. Motion: Jones Second: Holt Unanimous.
James E. Frohn	Forester	BS Forestry – U-Maine. Forester in NH since 08/12/97.	Application received 07/31/03	Approved for exam Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Jones Unanimous.
Benjamin Dow	Intern Forester	BS Forestry – U-Maine	Application received 11/05/03	Approved for 24 month internship effective 11/05/03. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Holt Unanimous. Sponsor – Josh Philbrook
DEGREE CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR LICENSURE UNDER EXTENDED 2002 TRANSITION PROVISIONS				
Marie-Helene Bibeau	Forester	Board approved 4 months experience; needed 20 months more starting 02/07/02. Sponsor – Francois Quirion.	Application received 02/07/02. Requisite experience was documented.	Approved for exam. Motion: Redelsheimer Second: Noel Unanimous.

Review and Action on Continuing Education Approval Requests

NAME OF PROGRAM	SPONSOR	DATES	HOURS APPROVED/CATEGORY	BOARD ACTION
Membership Breakfast Series	Maine Forest Products Council		2 – Category I	Approved. Motion: Holt Second: Jones In favor: Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer Opposed: Holt Abstained: Ostrofsky Motion carried.
The Changing World of Forest Ownership: Future Challenges & Expectations for Maine Foresters	NESAF – Maine Division	November 12-13, 2003	Nov. 12 = 3.5 – Category I Nov. 13 = 4.5 – Category I	Approved. Motion: Noel Second: Holt In favor: Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer Opposed: Holt Abstained: Ostrofsky Motion carried.
Forest & Wildlife Management: A Maine Approach	Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife/Maine State Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation	October 8, 2003	4 – Category I	Approved. Motion: Redelsheimer Second: Noel In favor: Jones, Noel, Redelsheimer Opposed: Holt

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				Abstained: Ostrofsky Motion carried.
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Review and Action on Continuing Education Deferment Requests

LICENSEE	NATURE	BOARD DECISION	OTHER	ACTION
Charles D. Agnew, Jr.	Illness and death in family; completed 8 hours (Category 1)	Continuing education requirement must be completed by 06/01/03.	Last course completed 5/16/03. Received by Board on 06/09/03. Letter of acknowledgement.	None.
Elbridge G. Cleaves	Unable to attend meetings; completed 2 hours (Category 4)	Continuing education requirement must be completed by 06/01/03.	6-hour course completed 05/08/03. Copy of registration form for pending workshop on 06/12/03 submitted. Participant list submitted 08/19/03. Letter of acknowledgement.	None.
David L. Friedrichs	Health problems; completed 4.5 hours (Category 1), 1 hour (Category 2)	Continuing education requirement must be completed by 06/01/03.	Correspondence received 05/14/03 requesting review of future work assignment and requesting more time to complete CE. Has until 11/01/03 to submit 6.5 hours or detail specific experience while in Afghanistan. Letter of acknowledgement.	Continuing education approved. Motion: Redelsheimer Second: Jones Unanimous.
Marcus A. Hale	Health problems	Continuing education requirement must be completed by 06/01/03.	CE statement received 07/01/03. Letter of acknowledgement.	None.
Ronald A. Soucy	New job created conflict with Category 1 requirement; completed 15 hours (Category 2)	Continuing education requirement must be completed by 06/01/03.	No response received. Hearing. Completed education; hearing not necessary.	None.
Eric Therriault	CE not required in 2000 when he became an Intern Forester; also has changed jobs and moved to another part of Maine.	He is required to completed CE requirement by 12/31/03.	Continuing Education Statement submitted.	Continuing education approved. Motion: Ostrofsky Second: Jones Unanimous.
Kevin Weatherbee	As he is located in Virgin Islands, requesting that he not be required to	He is required to completed CE requirement by 12/31/03.		No action necessary at this time

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	complete CE			
Robert E. Wilcox	US Navy	Consent agreement signed; will contact Board upon discharge - will complete CE at that time.		No action necessary at this time

Sandy Brawders, Master Loggers Program re: Continuing Education

Ms. Brawders did not arrive, therefore, the meeting was not held.

Meeting and Exam Schedule - 2004

Meeting Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 28, 2004	8:30 AM	Androscoggin Room
April 28, 2004	8:30 AM	Androscoggin Room
August 25, 2004	8:30 AM	Androscoggin Room
November 10, 2004	8:30 AM	Androscoggin Room

Exam Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	PROCTOR/GRADER
March 29, 2004	8:00 AM	Kennebec Room	Proctor: Carol Redelsheimer Grader: William Ostrofsky
October 25, 2004	8:00 AM	Kennebec Room	Proctor: To be determined Grader: To be determined

Next Meeting Scheduled for January 28, 2004

OTHER BUSINESS**ADJOURN**

Being no further board business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Greenlaw
Board Clerk